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FOR CARL SCHMIDT FROLM AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

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1. ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE PRESS GUIDANCE
PREPARED REGARDING THE CIA REPORT ON
POLAND, I CONCUR IN THE DECISION TO DELETE THE
LANGUAGE QUOTED IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF YOUR
REFTEL. THIS SEEMS TO HAVE
ATTRACTED LITTLE PUBLICITY, AND THW WORST
THING WE COULD NOW DO WOULD BE TO TAKE SOME ACTION OR
MAKE SOME STATEMENT WHICH WOULD CALL ATTENTION TO IT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, I RECOMMEND THAT NO STATEMENTS BE MADE
IN THE US OR HERE IN WARSAW AND AGREE WITH YOUR DECISION
REJECTING THE IDEA OF
REASSURANCES TO THE BANKING COMMUNITY. IN THIS CONNECTION, YOU
WILL HAVE NOTED THE COMMENTS MADE BY SENIOR FIRST
CHICAGO OFFICERS WHO CAME TO SEE ME LAST WEEK (WARSAW
7329) WHICH INDICATED THAT THEY ARE NOT OVERLY CONCERNED
WITH WHAT THE REPORT SAID.

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3. FROM THE LIMITED VIEW OF THE EUROPEAN PRESS WHICH
WE HAVE IN WARSAW, WE HAVE NOTED VERY LITTLE COMMENT.
THERE WAS A SEVERAL -PARAGRAPH UPI TICKER ITEM AND A
SHORTER FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN THE PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE
(BASED ON UPI). WE ARE AWARE OF NO REPORTING IN
OTHER WEST EUROPEAN NEWSPAPERS, AND OUR DIPLOMATIC

COLLEAGUES HERE HAVE NOT MENTIONED IT TO US. WE ASSUME THAT THE UPI ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE WASHINGTON POST BUT POSSIBLY MISSED THE NEW YORK PRESS BECAUSE OF THE STRIKE.

4. ASSUMING THAT NOTHING FURTHER BREAKS AND THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT REALLY DOES DIE QUICKLY AND QUIETLY, I THINK IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IT MAY EVEN HAVE HAD SOME BENEFICIAL SHOCK EFFECT ON THE POLISH GOVERNMENT-- A BLUNT WARNING THAT THERE IS NO EARY WAY OUT OF THE WEEKS AND THAT THERE CAN BE NO EASING UP ON THE AUSTERE IMPORT POLICIES THEY HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING SO SAR. SCHAUFEELE

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